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Brit swindlers

BRITISH benefits cheats are living a life of luxury in Thailand and leaving hard-working taxpayers back home to foot the bill.

A Daily Star investigation has uncovered the

Exposed

It falls outside the small

It taus outside the small list of countries where they can receive yearly increases.

Pensioners soaking up the sun brag about getting £200 winter fuel allowances.

allowances.

One legitimate businessman exposed the fraudsters adding to Britain's £ibilion-a-year benefits 'black hole'. He said: 'T've lived here for several years and listen with absolute horror to the many, many commen who boast about receiving disability

A Daily Star investigation has uncovered the outrageous scams by scrounging Brits in the notorious sex-for-sale resort of Pattaya. The cost of living in the tropical paradise is rock bottom. But that hasn't stopped thousands of greedy ex-pats coming up with money-spinning swindles to pay for them to party. We found Brits who set up bars in the city and have been spongeing benefits while building up thriving businesses. And some ex-pats are illegally pocketing index-linked British pensions by not telling the state they are living in Thailand, while the social security still believe them to be in the UK.

allowance, pensions or other benefits in Thailand, while the social security still believe them to be in the UK.

"Some have the cheek to be basking in year-round sunshine and receiving winter fuel payments—they think it's hilarious." The British Embassy in Bangkok admits there's a massive difference in the number of Brits who declare they are living permanently in Thailand and the hordes who have secretly set up home in its beach resorts.

About 10,500 British

beach resorts.

About 10,500 British nationals are registered as resident, although the true total is thought to be nearer 35,000.

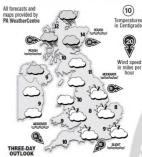
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TODAY: Northern England and north-west Wales will have patchy rain. The rest of England and Wales will have a fine day after a cold star. Socitand and Northern Ireland will be blustery with rain, heaviest in north-west Scotland.

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OUTLOOK: England and Wales will be cloudy tomorrow, with patchy rain clearing. Scotland will become cold, with scattered showers. Northern Ireland will have showers.



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Blair under siege

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ONE in four Labour MPs wants to destroy Tony Blair by humiliating him in the Commons over plans to shake up health and education.

The bombshell comes days after the PM's defeat in a vote on whether police should be able to lock-up terror suspects for 90 days without charge.

Labour MP Alan Simpson said: "I think there will be a lot of people who backed the Government who will not do so when it comes to a vote on Labour's core issues."

Mr Blair, 52, has signalled that he wants to stay in power until at least 2008.

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POP weirdo Michael Jackson was caught slapping on make-up

in a ladies loo.
The star caused a security alert on a shopping trip when he told bodyguards he had to powder his

Instead of going to the gents, he slipped into the wrong lav in the mall in Dubai.

Jacko, wearing an Arab headscarf, peeled back the cloth to reveal his famous

face.

He started applying blusher as a woman at the next mirror screamed in horror.

Squeal

Another startled woman grabbed her mobile phone and started taking photographs of the singer, who relocated to nearby Bahrain after he was cleared of child sex charges.

Jacko, 47, let out a girly squeal himself and his minders burst in

The woman, a teacher from Tunista who is living in Dubai, tried to take the phone to police as evidence but was confronted by an entourage of Jackson's heavies. Shoppers gathered round as the woman began to shout abuse at frightened

Jacko.

Jacko.
The guards then tried to wrestle the phone off the shocked woman.
Police were called to the Battuta Mall, popular with Brit tourists, as Jacko's security team was accused of being heavy-handed. The singer was led



MAKE-OVER: Jacko was in the ladies' loo

EXCLUSIVE ■ by GARY NICKS

away to a blacked-out car as officers arrived. Last night police con-firmed they investigated the incident on Saturday

night.

Dubai police chief
Abdul Jalil Mehdi told
the woman to hand over

the phone so he could delete the snaps.
Under local laws, residents are not allowed to take unauthorised pictures to sell for profit.
Sgt Mehdi said: "The situation is sorted now."
Dubai police will not be taking any action against Jacko as they believe he made an innocent mistake.

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Rod's cool plan

ROCKER Rod Stewart froze his sperm "in case of prob-lems", his fiancée Penny Lancaster has revealed.

Lancaster has revealed.
The naturally pregnant model
and photographer makes the
revelation on 38-year-old
Gordon Ramsay's Channel 4
show The F-Word.
She said: "We didn't do it at a

hospital. We were at home pri-

"And then I rushed down (to the doctors) in the Ferrari with my handbag and the little

vial next to it."
Rod, 60, already has six children, but this will be his first with Penny, 34. See the interview this Thursday at 8pm.



HOT ROD: Stewart



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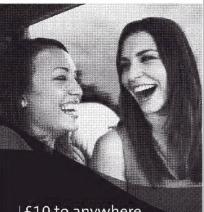
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ABOUT TELLY STAR MAD ABOUT TELLY STAR

Big 2 in viewing figures bust-up

■ by PAUL MALLEY

THE ratings war between The X Factor and Strictly Come Dancing has turned

Both shows claimed victory in

Both shows claimed victory in Saturday's battle for viewers. BBC1 insiders were claiming the early-evening edition of the hit dance show scored most viewers for the first time, peaking at 9.7million, compared to 9.5million for The X Factor. But ITV1 hit back, saying The X Factor was the Saturday night ratings champ again, with a massive peak of 10.5million watching its main show. An ITV insider last night said: "Once again X Factor's peak ratings for the main show blew Strictly Come Dancing out of the water. "Why our rivals are leaking wrong information, I don't know. "Strictly Come Dancing started and finished earlier than our show. When it ended, we waltzed off with lots of their viewers."

Officially, BBC1 refused to comment

Officially, BBC1 refused to comment on the row, saying it couldn't provide viewing figures for another channel. But a corporation insider said: "Strictly Come Dancing's earlier show pulled in 200,000 more viewers than The X Factor main show. "We won. The viewing figures are our best so far. It's a great result."

Shocking

Not in dispute is the fact the BBC show – hosted by Bruce Forsyth, 71, and Tess Dall, 34 – has seen a rating, shoom in recent weeks, thanks to sizzling performances by the likes of Zoë Ball, 34.

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On average 9.1million tuned in – 800,000 more than the previous week's best-ever peak. The X Factor did not average as many – 8.5million saw Chico Slimani, 34, Journey South and the rest perform. But it too was well and the previous week's 50 order.

form. But it too was well up on the previous week. The ITV1 show came out tops in the results programmes, with an average of 8.2million tuning in to see sexy Maria Lawson shockingly booted off.

Some 200,000 fewer watched the Beeb's vote show, in which snooker ace Dennis Taylor, 56, and his partner Izabela Hannah were voted off the floor.

Meanwhile, X Factor

Meanwhile, X Factor loser Maria was fuming yesterday after being elbowed from the show by the Irish mafia

"the Irish mafia".
At a press conference in London she blasted judge Louis Walsh, 53, for choosing The Conway Sisters over her, "because they are

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BUSH BABE: Jenny

Jungle Jen's all set to wed

■ by PETER DYKE ■ by PETER DYKE
EX-Atomic Kitten
babe Jenny Frost
wants to be an I'm A
Celebrity bush bride
and finally get
hitched to her very
own Tarzan.
The 27-year-old
singer has told pals
she wants to tie the
knot with boyfriend
DJ Dominic Thrupp,
42, when the show
is over.

is over.

The pair have been dating for more than

four years.
Jenny jets off to
Australia this week
for the series.

High

A friend said: "This has been a year of ups and downs for Jenny and she wants to end it on

Jenny and she wants to end it on a high.

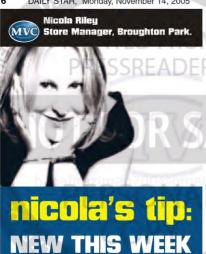
"The Kittens split up and she dipped her toes in the water with a solo pop career but it didn't quite take off.

"She's been a very successful model but the truth is what she really wants to do is embark on a TV career.

"She is hoping people will see another side to her in the jungle and that she'll do well.

"Then she'll top it all off with her wedding to Dominic." Meanwhile Jenny has been overdosing on shepherd's pie. She won't get a taste of her favourite dish for a month one the show starts on Sunday.

LONG SHOT: Outsider Chico





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Grumpy duo grab top showbiz F



■ by MARK JEFFERIES

TELLY'S two angriest men were smiling last night after Simon Cowell and Gordon Ramsay picked up top showbiz

Foul-mouthed Scottish chef Ramsay, 38, won Terrestrial TV Personality of the Year at the Variety Club's 53rd Annual Showbusiness Awards. Awards

Awards.

And TV Mr Nasty Cowell, 46, got Showbusiness Personality of the Year title at London's Hilton hotel. Ramsay said: "I don't think either of us are nasty. Simon is just honest and straight to the point."

Comedy

Comedy

The event, hosted by cd:uk presenter Myleene Klass, 27, and Big Brother 2 winner Brian Dowling, 27, was held in association with Daily Star publisher Express Newspapers and LiVINGtv. The Daily Express Readers' Award for Most Popular Presenter went to the late Countdown star Richard Whiteley. Co-star Carol Vorderman, 44, said: "He would have been delighted to have realised so many people loved him. It's just a shame he didn't realise it while he was still alive." Other winners included recording artist of the year Katle Melua, 21, and Catherine Tate, 36, who picked up the comedy award.

Catherine Tate, ob, who paracomedy award.
Con drama Hustle won Outstanding Performance in a TV Drama and Gail Porter, 34, was named the Multichannel TV Personality of the Year.

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Showbusiness Personality of the Year SIMON COWELL Terrestrial TV Personality of the Year GORDON

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Fury over Lotto cash for shoplifting 'Robin Hood'

■ by GARY NICKS

BARMY Lotto bosses were
slammed last night for handing
out £25,000 so an artist can
exhibit goods he SHOPLIFTED.

Andy Savage, 34, admits he stole 36 different items from High Street stores and supermarkets for his exhibition called Stolen White Goods

called Stolen White Goods.

He nicked bizarre things, like a woolly jumper, bags of rice and flour and a pint of milk – then photographed them.

His "work of art" – paid for with the massive hand-out of public money from the Arts Council – is now on display at Birmingham's Ikon gallery.

The gallery defended forking out for the exhibition of goods that would have cost him just £46.42 to buy.

Criminal

But the show has been condemned as a waste of money which encourages shoplifting. West Midlands Police have also confirmed they are investigating whether Andy should be prosecuted.

The cheeky artist — who calls himself Savage – said: "I'm like a crap Robin Hood, except 1 steal from the poor and don't give it back. If people call me a criminal, that's up to them. I'm just presenting a situation for the viewer to make their own mind up about what I am doing."

The British Retail Consortium blasted the grant and said shoplifting costs over £2billion a year.

Director general Kevin Hawkins said: "We are appalled that criminality is being sponsored by Government funding.
"This exhibition will only encourage further illegal activity and teach young people that stealing is seen to be acceptable and tolerated.

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"Retail crime is not victim "Retail crime is not victim-less. It leaves deep scars, not only on business viability and retail staff, but also on the community, with the sig-nificant costs of prevention passed onto society."

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Outrage

Local MP Andrew Mitchell said: "If his claims are true, the artist should be prosecuted as a petty criminal.

"As for those who have commissioned, organised and funded the exhibition, they have clearly taken leave of their senses and should be fired."

The Arts Council said:

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"The projects being under-taken by Savage are innova-tive in both concept and content and seek to investi-gate the issues of ownership and possessions." and possessions."
Savage is likely to cause

Savage is likely to cause even more outrage with his next project. He wants to steal a car wing mirror, photograph it and then produce 10,000 postcards bearing the words "I have your wing mirror".



CRIME: Savage stole the goods

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Sweet smell of success for England as our triumphant



Beckham launches his own brand of aftershave in Britain today.

The hunky style icon's David Beckham Instinct is tipped to be a top-seller as men across the country try to get the Becks Effect.

Pharmacy chain Superdrug has won exclusive rights to sell it in the UK after months of legal wrangling.

So the Daily Star put the scent to the test to see if it really can help fellas score with the ladies.

Winner

And it looks like Becks, 30, could have netted another winner with women of all ages – although there were a few gals ready to put the boot in. Receptionist Joanne Fordyce, 17, of Chingford, Essex, loved the fragrance's heady mix of grapefruit, mandarin leaf, cardamom and patchouli.

She said: "It's not too strong. A man could impress me by wearing this." Financial exchange dealers Natasha Goodman, 31, and Rosa Nunez Delgado, 35, also gave Instinct the thumbs up. Natasha, of Knockholt, Kent, said: "If a

■ by IAIN BURCHELL

guy was wearing it I wouldn't mind standing closer to him."
Rosa, of Notting Hill, west London, added: "It has a nice soft smell."
Bar worker Lita Esmoris, 49, was a fan, saying: "I'm going to get it for my partner."
Clerk Mary Barrand, 58, of Bexley Heath, Kent, said: "It is lovely and light."
But not everyone was impressed.
Daily Star Goss girls Amy Watts and Leigh Purves reckon Becks has had a stinker. Amy said: "It smells like my caf's wee."
Ashleigh Templeman, 18, of Loughton, Essex, said: "If Beckham smells like that he can stay in Madrid."
Stylist's assistant Jayce De-Leon, 19, of Ealing, west London, added: "It's got no wow factor."
David Beckham Instinct costs £15 for a 30ml bottle and £30 for 70ml.

30ml bottle and £30 for 70ml.





sporting heroes put in an historic four-star performance

ENGLAND came to a standstill at the weekend for a series of great sporting displays.

Tens of millions of fans cheered on

our footballers, cricketers and rugby players as we brushed aside all-comers

our sports.

We told on Saturday how fans

were lining up 100 million pints of
er and £100 million was set for a

giant flutter.

And yesterday landlords were toasting the nation's success and the bookies were crying into their tills.

England's cricketers blitzed
Pakistan, bowling them out cheaply and then piling on the runs to get in a strong position in the first Test.
On Saturday our rugby union team beat the Aussies 26-16, condemning them to a seventh consecutive defeat

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It all looked like coming unstuck as the football team trailed Argentina with four minutes to go. But Michael Owen sent the

go. But Michael Owen sent the country into raptures with two goals to secure a 3-2 win.

And the rugby league lads of Great Britain joined in the party and breathed fresh life into their Tri-Nations campaign with their first win in the contest by hammering New Zealand by hammering New Zealand 38-12.

Nearly 11 million people packed in pubs and lounges to watch the drama in the football. And Star man TOM SAVAGE spent the weekend watching every minute of the action.

Now read on ...





VICTORY: Tom and Ben drink to England's dramatic win over Argentina

4.00am: We said in Saturday's paper that 30 hours of top sporting action was set to thrill all true Englishmen. Well, the beer is in the fridge, the women in the house have been sent to far-flung corners of the world, there's a fry-up on the

stove.
4.30am: Our Ashes heroes take to the field in Multan. Is it too early for Beer number one? Course not.
7.00am: It's 103-1 at lunch and I'm joined by my neighbour Ben for the

joined by my neighbour Ben for the day's fun.

7.30am: The paper boy delivers my Star. Total beer count between the two of us is five. A slow start, like England.

10.10am: A fantastic first over after tea for England as Steve Harmison takes two wickets to leave Pakistan faltering at 183-5. The day is suddenly sparking into life. Beers: eight. Breakfasts: three.

11.30am: Stumps on Day One. Pakistan battle back to 244-6. Beers: 12. Time for lunch.

2.30pm: Domino's Pizza answer

2.30pm: Domino's Pizza answer our SOS, now our attention switch-es to Twickenham.
3.00pm: Ben Cohen crosses for our first try. We'll drink to that. Beers: 16. Pizzas: All finished. It's a tough job

4.05pm: Final whistle. A fantastic victory by 26-16 and a £30 win at the bookies too. Beers: 22. **4.45pm:** Kick-off in Geneva for

4.45pm: Kick-oft in Geneva for England v Argentina. The pizza by is surprised to be back so soon. Beers: 24. Pizzas: Three. Guts: Troubled.
5.30pm: Wayne Rooney equalises Hernan Crespo's opener. Brilliant. Was looking dodgy for a minute. Repers: 96.

6.15pm: England trail 2-1. The worst result, bringing back memo-ries of Hands of God and all that. Beers: 28 as the nerves take hold. 6.30pm: The joy! Michael Owen

sticks Two Fingers of God up at the Argies, Brilliant. Beers: 30. **6.40pm:** We turn over to the Rugby League. The day gets better. We need a whopping win to have any chance of staying in the Tri Nations though.

Nations though.

8.00pm: Score: 38-12. Beers: 38. Indian: Ordered. The GB lads complete the winning streak. What a fantastic day to be a leathered

tantastic day to be a leathered sports fan.

10.00pm: We keep ourselves occupied with the Germany-France football friendly. It's drap, 0-0. Not what we need. Beers: 42. Indian: Tasty. Feeling: Tired.

12.00am: Maria Sharapova crash-es out of the WTA Championships.

At least she ravived our flagging.

At least she revived our flagging attention for a while. Beers: 44. Ben: Going better than me. My mates: Unsurprised.

4.00am: Four hours of repeated

All The Action: See Starsport

FULL TIME: End of a long day for Tom action from the day fills the time

action from the day fills the time but I may have had a nap.

4.30am: Cricketers back out. I hope they've had a healthier day since we last saw them than I have. Beers: Not many left.

5.30am: We clean up the Pakistan tail sharpish for 273 all out. Beers: 50 all out as well.

7.00am: Lunch. Or more accurately breakfast. Another pig goes in the frying pan.

10.45am: Stand-in captain

in the frying pan.

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Marcus Trescothick smashes the
ball away to reach his century. A
fantastic way to round off an amaz-

rantastic way to round off an amaz-ing 30 hours.

11.35am. Stumps. England surge to 253-3. But that completes our 32-hour marathon, although unlike Paula Radcliffe, neither Ben nor myself lost control of our bodily mysen functions.

Pizzas: Three. Hangover: Takeaways: Takeaways: two. Hangover: Beginning. Breakfasts: five. Feeling: Elated but shattered.



Patriots pound bookies

PATRIOTIC punters gave the bookies a battering as England and Great Britain clinched the amazing reble triumph on Saturday. And with England's Ashes heroes looking good yesterday in the first Test against Pakistan, they face having to hand over even more. Ladbrokes spokesman Robin Hutchison said: "We've been given a bloody nose."

been given a bloody nose.

Cleaners

"The three games that ended on Saturday were 14-1 for a home-side clean sweep. for a home-side clean sweep.
"Patriotic punters took us
to the cleaners. We lost
£2million through the day."
Some punters struck luck
yacking England to win
when they were 2-1 down
against Argentina.
Betfair gave 169-1 with four
minutes to go – then Michael
Owen, 25, pounced.
Bookies also face a
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Kate's fear over movie

KATE Moss is joining forces with celebrity friends to stop legendary designer Tom Ford revealing their secrets in a film about the fash-

ion industry.

The 31-year-old supermodel is said to be concerned about an autobiographical screenplay being written by the former Gucci learned.

written by the former Gucci
legend.
Ford, 43, dropped a tantalising
hint recently that the work in
progress was "about people that you
and I could both know".

And sources close to the Texan,
who has recently signed to revamp
Estee Lauder, say characters in the
script are based on famous faces.
The Croydon-born star, pictured
above arriving in Barcelona yesterday, is apparently a key influence, as is designer Stella
McCartney, 34, and 35-year-old
drama queen Naomi Campbell.
Our impeccably turned-out
spy told us; "The fashionable
classes in Manhattan have been
talking about nothing but
Ford's script for weeks. News

reached Kate that the people in the story were thinly velled versions of herself and her contemporaries so obviously she started to worry.

"She's said to have contacted Stella and Naomi to warn them and they're all hoping to sit down and read the script with Tom before it goes to the studio.

WARNING: Naomi and Stella, Above, Kate

Check

"Kate has suggested they have a cocktail party to celebrate the completion... and obviously to check that there's nothing damaging in the nothing damaging in the

"It's a worry when anyone tries to turn real people into fictional char-

acters because you have to embellish and exaggerate and nobody who knows Tom wants that."

Ain't that the truth...

Ain't that the truth...

Tommy boy, who turned Gucci into the most influential fashion house of the last two decades, is said to have held some amazing parties at his lavish homes.

The good-looking trendsetter owns a house in Chelsea, an apartment in Paris and a mansion in LA's Bel Air, all of which have hosted bashes which would apparently make a knees-up in ancient Rome look like an OAP tea dance.

And of course Tom, who was at the helm of the famous Italian empire for 14 years, witnessed most of the fashion world's stars backstage and in their most stressful moments.

stage and in their most stressiumoments.
Of course they don't want to see all that up on the big screen.
But don't you think it's only fair that the rest of us get to see?
The script will be winging it's way to the executives at Hollywood's legendary MGM Studios as soon as it's finished so expect the sartorial stropfest next year.
Let's hope he uses Mossy's favourite novel as inspiration for the title. The Beautiful And The Damn It! has such a ring to it...

No sisterly love for Lotte

Shoes stars Toni Collette
and Cameron Diaz feeding
each other sushi at Nobu on Park
Lane, Rick Gervais talking about the
Tory leadership context in The Groucho,
Dean Street, Rachel Stevens buying a
sandwich at Marks and Spencer at
Fulham Broadway, Natalie
casidy signing an autograph
in Brent Cross shopping
centre.

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MANY people had consigned their marriage to dustbin, but Jessica Simpson, 25, and Nick Lachey, 32, have proved them wrong. Smilling Jess was flashing her ring after their cosy meal in LA. What break-up?



A MAN who apparently cured himself of killer HIV has been urged to have more tests.

Doctors revealed Andrew Stimpson had appeared to have shaken off HIV – 14 months after a positive result.

But they weren't able to confirm that he's been cured of the virus. They now want to run more tests on him in a bid to help the world-wide battle against HIV and Aids. But Chelsea and Westminster Healthcare NHS Trust said Mr Stimpson has so far declined to co-operate. A spokeswoman said: "I

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can confirm that he has a positive and a negative test. I can't confirm with you that he's shaken it off, that he's been cured.

"When we became aware of his HIV-negative result we offered him further tests to help us investigate and find an explanation.

"We urge him, for the sake of himself and the HIV community, to come in and get tested."

Last night, Mr Stimpson, 25, vowed to help others.

He said: "I know what I have to do. I realise that something extraordinary has happened to me.

"Maybe I hold the key to finding a

cure. It is a weird feeling to think that there is something in me which brings hope to millions of other people.
"I will do everything in my power to help with research into finding a cure. It is a huge responsibility."

Immune

Scot Mr Stimpson, of London, has been gay since he was 15.
He became infected when a condom split while he was sleeping with his HIV positive boyfriend, Juan Gomez, 44.
Mr Stimpson said: "One day I was staring death in the face and now I am waving it goodbye. My Immune system managed to fight off HIV,

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even though I was in regular contact with it. It's crazy."

Dr Andrew Kinghorn, an HIV specialist at the Royal Hallamshire Hospital in Sheffield, said: "If we can better understand what happened inside Andrew's body it could be a step towards a breakthrough in beating HIV."

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Lawyers' fury at terror lea

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THE men charged with the failed July 21 terrorist attack could be freed after police leaked case details of the alleged bomb plot.
Lawyers say the men may not get a fair trial after Home Secretary Charles Clarke released the dossier, drawn up by Metropolitan Police Assistant Commissioner Andy Hayman.
Mr Clarke was trying to drum up support for last week's defeated anti-terror-

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bill on holding suspects for 90 days. Legal experts fear "clearly prejudicial" infor-mation could lead to the collapse of two other terror

Shami Chakrabarti, of Snami Chakrabarti, or human rights group Liberty, said: "The police, by playing politics and campaigning for legisla-tion, might be undermin-ing effective prosecution."



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Gene's horny

HAT the hell has Kiss frontman and serial niser Gene womaniser Simmons, above, been

simining, above, been teaching the kids on Channel 4's Rock School (Friday)?
Sounds like they plan to follow more than just his musical

example. "At the moment I'm taking my horn exam," revealed Dudley the drummer. "And my organ's coming on well."



Shock in a frock

N the latest advert for Mars Delight the cafe waitress, above, goes to work in her best frock.

She's decided it would be fun to over would be fun to over-dress - because, as the voice-over tells us: "There's a million ways to make your day." Trouble is, when you show up in the morn-ing wearing your evening clobber and a big grin. It iust looks

big grin, it just looks like you've spent the last eight hours trying most of them out.



One-way

WHAT A WAY TO QUO...

And It was almost as smart a career move. Her pals Sarah and Maria will be racking their brains now (assuming that's biologically feasible), trying to figure out how they, too, can land glamorous jobs with rock's crumbly elite.

LUELESS

Candice set one hell of a precedent in the way she quit Corrie (ITV1).

Off to be hair stylist

to Status Quo, huh?

to Status Quo, huh?
Give her credit, that
was the most impressive
departure any of the
Street's teens have managed since Kajagoogoo
Katy went out in an irreversible coma.
And it was almost as
smart a career move. Her

Winer of Striction's backside, perhaps? Picker of Mick Jagger's nose? They can but dream. Meanwhile, girls, back in the real world, Mrs Gallstone is booked in for a shampoo and hip-replacement at 2.15...

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Of course, Candice wasn't the only long-term Street resident who departed last week.
Two days later we lost Martin Platt, who decided after 20 years to up sticks and move to Liverpool

with Robyn, his girlfriend of fourand-a-half minutes.
God knows how Martin's colleagues at Weatherfield General will
react when they realise he's left.
Which, on my reckoning, should be
sometime around next June.
I looked for one awful moment as
if Martin and his son, David The
Devil Child, were going to part
on non-speaking terms.
David had the major hump about
being left behind with the rest of
his dysfunctional family.

his dysfunctional family.

But eventually the lad swallowed his pride and shuffled outside for a goodbye hug. "Take care of me

dad," he told Robyn, albeit in a rather ominous Maña-like tone. But what worries me most about Martin leaving is the effect it's already having on his ex-wife Gall. For some reason, it's given the old trout a new lease of friskiness. And frankly, it's making me queasy. Within hours of him going, she was telling foot-Rub Phil he could stay the night. Next morning, when Sarah remarked on her mun's good mood.

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Next morning, when Sarah remarked on her mum's good mood, Gail went appallingly gooey and replied: "Let's just say I got out of bed on the right side this morning."

Please, love, let's just not.

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WASN'T exactly cartwheeling with excitement at the prospect of **Much Ado About Nothing** (BBCI, Monday). But it turned out to be a real laugh, set in a regional TV newsroom and starring Billie Piper, right.

And why? Because David Nicholls, the writer who'd adapted it from the Bard's original, put proper jokes in it. Lines like: "You really do put the W in anchorman . ."

Shakespeare's original was meant to be a comedy too but he accidentally left out all the funny stuff. It's a feeling Ben Elton knows only too well.



HE X Factor judges should stay at home next weekend. Seriously. That way, they can switch on their tellies and appreciate how dire some of the acts sound to us at home.

The generous acoustics in the studio have done some of the contestant too many fewurs.

some of the contestants too many favours.
When Chico The Clown did his turn on Saturday, Simon and co really needed to be sat in front of a bog-standard TV with ordinary, tinny speakers. Ideally, tuned to BBC1.

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M-way cams every 400yds

POLICE want to line roads with a new network o cameras to spy on motorists.

Machines would be put up every 400 yards on motorways – and they are insisting on more in town centres, petrol stations and supermarkets. The police want the cameras, which can

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read numer plates, to crack down on car thieves and drivers who dodge paying insurance or road tax.

Meredydd Hughes, head of roads policing at the Association of Chief Police Officers, wants lots of M-way cameras.

They will store details of every passing car for two years – even if the owner has not committed a crime.

A nerve centre is being set up in London that will process up to 50million number plates a day by the end of next year.

Taxes

Officers hunting criminals can log on and spy on motorists' movements anywhere in the country. The move comes after a Road Users' Alliance study showed drivers pay £43.5billion a year in tax. For every £1 spent at the petrol pump, nearly 70p goes to the government. Despite that the motorway system is rated only 15th in Europe when measured by length compared to Britain's population. Company car drivers and truckers could face a smoking ban in their vehicles under new Government proposals.

Forget a

HUNK Brad Pitt lives life in the fast lane. The 41-year-old was photographed hurtling from 30-year-old partner Angelina Jolie's Malibu pad. And where's the speed-king going? For flying lessons!

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